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BUCHAREST	16 Apr 46		AD25
SUBJECT : GENERAL : Current Leading Romanian Military Figures SPECIFIC: Lt General Nicelae RADESCU			STATUS : Pending
<u>REFERENCE :</u> US State Dept Bucharest Memorandum dated 29 March 1946 <u>Subject:</u> "Biographies of Current Leading Romanian Military Figures"			
<u>SOURCE :</u> AD1080 AD1045			

SYNOPSIS OR BRIEF REPORT:

1. In reply to US State Dept Bucharest Memorandum of 29 March 1946, Subject: "Biographies of Current Leading Romanian Military Figures", the attached information is furnished.
2. As the standard Romanian "Who's Who" type publications contain no information about these individuals, the information was obtained through sources within the Romanian General Staff and sources within the Romanian Sighetusa. The sources are usually reliable and the information is probably true.

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M. General Nicolae RAPESCU

1. Nicolae RAPESCU was born in Pihenant, Romania, on 30 March 1874, is of Romanian citizenship and Orthodox faith. He has identity card "CPR" file issued in 1940. His residences have been as follows: #108 Str. Nerva Traian; 6 December 1944 he moved in the Ministry of Interior Bldg, and on 15 February 1945 at #34 Str. Jules Michelet (the British Mission). His present address is Str. Cleopetorii Vechii 14, Bucharest.

2. From 14 April 1926-1 July 1938, Subject was the Romanian Military Attaché in London. Upon his return to Romania, he became a member of the Military Household of the Royal Palace, first as Chief of the Secretations Office of the Palace, later becoming an Aide ~~to~~ to the late King Ferdinand I. He held this position for a long time. In 1938, Subject was discharged from the Army because of old age. On 15 October 1944, Subject was appointed Chief of the General Staff and he held this position until 1 December 1944 when he was nominated to form a new cabinet. On 6 December 1944, Subject presented his proposed list of the new cabinet members to the King who approved it. On the same day, the new cabinet took the oath of office. Subject, besides being the Prime Minister, was also Minister of the Interior, this post being formerly held by Nicolae VIERNESCU, but who was not acceptable in this new cabinet by the leftist factions.

3. A series of misunderstanding made Subject oppose certain proposals made by the Undersecretary of State for the State Administration in the Ministry of Interior, Teodor ~~X~~ GHEORGHESCU and Subject requested of Mr. Petru VIMINSKY, vice-president of the Council of Ministers in Subject's cabinet, to approve the dissolving of the Undersecretariate of State for State Administration. It was approved and GHEORGHESCU was dismissed. This incident caused all the misunderstanding between Subject and the leftist parties, which came to a climax when the demonstration of 24 February 1945 was effected and the Army fired into the crowd, killing several persons. The ensuing result was that Subject and his cabinet were dismissed, following pressure by VIMINSKY on the King, and the GHEORGHESCU regime came into power.

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4. After 15 March 1945, a campaign against Subject began and even a Moscow radio broadcast stated that he had intended to create a new dictatorship regime in Romania, that he sabotaged the proposed purge of the State organizations and had kept in office men guilty of the country's disaster and downfall, among them:

- a. Major-General DUMITRACHE<sup>X</sup>, accused of having executed 600 old men and children in an anti-tank ditch at Haleik, Russia.
- b. General NICULESCU<sup>X</sup>, accused of having stolen a large amount of Russian property during the occupation of Russia by Romanian troops.
- c. Captain Ostrowski OROVIAN<sup>X</sup>, accused of having tortured Russians at Smerinka and Melitopol, Russia.

5. Subject was further accused of collaborating with the National Peasant Party in which there were certain groups of legionnaires under the leadership of one Ilie LAZAR. On this occasion, Iuliu MANIU was accused of collaborating with Subject for a coup d'Etat (~~maneuver militare~~). (source ~~ASACO~~) states that Subject had certain relations with the Mihail STELESCU faction of the Legionnaire movement).

6. Following these accusations, Subject was to have been incarcerated but, as stated above (see para. 1.) he was taken under the protective wing of the British Mission in Bucharest and lived in their building the better part of a month until an agreement between the British and the GROZA government was reached, assuring the former that the latter would in no way harm Subject, directly or indirectly.

\* Source OSS R&A ROME 9/45 reports the following information: DUMITRACHE was CO of the 2d Alpine Division; CO of the Mountain troops fighting in Kuban; was awarded the Finnish "Liberty Cross" 1st Class. Source Caserta dated 3/29/45, IM-8744, (Washington card #1339) lists Subject as war criminal. Arrested most likely because he allowed legionnaires to pass through the Romanian lines to Germany.

\*\* Source OSS R&A Rome 9/45 reports the following: Ceciu Radu NICULESCU promoted Div. Gen'l 4/11/43. Min. Nat. Def. (?) 4/1940.

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7. Subject is free now and lately, there have been rumors to the effect that he has secret meetings with MANIU and BRATIANU. It was also rumored that Subject intends to organize a new party to be named the "Conservative Party". However, to date this has not been verified.

8. Subject was anti-German and during the German occupation of Rumania, was interned for a period of time in a concentration camp upon the direct orders of KILLINGER because he protested (via letters) against German activity in Rumania. This attitude gained for him the esteem of the majority of the Rumanians.

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